

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH,
FOR THE YEAR 1925.

INTELL.

"RIVERSDALE"

LONDON ROAD,

HIGH WYCOMBE.

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LONG CRENDON
RURAL DISTRICT.



GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ended 31st. December 1925.

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, I have to deal fully with matters that perhaps may be well known to some, but as the Report goes beyond your District, it may carry new and perhaps interesting information to others. It is a "Survey Report" which has to be compiled every five years.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF DISTRICT.

The District is purely an agricultural one, there being no factories, etc., within the area.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Area of District.....	21,262
Population (Census 1921).....	3,790
" Figures supplied by Registrar General (1925) ..	3,770
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census 1921).....	1,023
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers (1921).....	1,012
Birth Rate.....	20.1
Death Rate.....	13.5
Infantile Death Rate per 1000 Births.....	65.7
Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	.2
" " " Cancer.....	2.1

AREA.

The area of the District is 21,262, and is sub-divided as follows:-

	Area.
Boarstall.....	3,078
Brill.....	2,939
Chilton.....	2,069
Dorton.....	1,477
Ickford.....	1,025
Long Crendon.....	3,348
Oakley.....	2,806
Shabbington.....	1,630
Towersey.....	1,380
Worminghall.....	1,510

POPULATION.

The population according to the Census of 1921, was 3,790 for the entire District, and is sub-divided as follows:-

	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons Per Acre.
Boarstall.....	138	.. 69	.. 69	.. 0.0
Brill.....	1,019	.. 467	.. 552	.. 0.3
Chilton.....	270	.. 137	.. 133	.. 0.1
Dorton.....	135	.. 66	.. 69	.. 0.1
Ickford.....	264	.. 136	.. 128	.. 0.3
Long Crendon.	907	.. 447	.. 460	.. 0.3
Oakley.....	327	.. 175	.. 152	.. 0.1
Shabbington..	222	.. 119	.. 103	.. 0.1
Towersey.....	288	.. 139	.. 149	.. 0.2
Worminghall..	220	.. 111	.. 109	.. 0.1

The population at the middle of 1925, according to the Registrar General's Estimate, was 3,770.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

There were 76 Births registered in the District, of which 44 were males, and 32 females.

5 of the Births were illegitimate children (2 males and 3 females).

The Birth Rate was 20.1.

The previous Births and Birth Rates were as follows:-

	Births.	Birth Rates.	For England & Wales.
1924	67 18.4 18.8
1923	74 19.5 19.7

The Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1925, was 18.3

Deaths.

The number of Deaths registered in the District during the year was 51. (28 males and 23 females).

The Death Rate for 1925 was 13.5.

The Death Rate for England and Wales was 12.2

The Deaths and Death Rates of previous years, were:-

	Deaths.	Death Rate.	For England & Wales.
1924	53 ..	14.0	12.2
1923	52 ..	13.7	11.6

Infantile Mortality.

There were five deaths of Infants under one year registered in the District.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for 1925, was 65.7.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales, for 1925, was 75.0 per 1,000 Births.

The Infantile Deaths and Death Rates of previous years were:-

	Deaths.	Death Rate.	For England & Wales.
1924	5	71.4	75.0
1923	3	40.5	69.0

Infectious Diseases.

The following Infectious Diseases were notified:-

	No.	Deaths.
Enteric Fever.....	1	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	1
	— ... —	
	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR, 1925.

TABLE 1.

Birth-rate per 1,000 total Population.	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population.										Rate per 1,000 births.	
	All Causes.	Enteric Fever.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhoea & Enteritis (under two years).	Total Deaths (under one year).	
England & Wales.....	13.3	0.01	0.0	0.13	0.1	0.07	0.32	0.32	0.47	8.4	75	
Long Crendon.....	20.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	65.7	

TABLE 2.

C A U S E S O F D E A T H S.

	1925.		1924.		1923.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Whooping Cough.....	-	..	1	..	1	..	-
Influenza.....	1	..	1	..	-	..	-
Encephalitis lethargica.....	-	..	1	..	-	..	-
Meningococcal meningitis.....	-	..	-	..	1	..	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system.....	1	..	-	..	2	..	2
Other tuberculous diseases....	-	..	-	..	-	..	1
Cancer, malignant disease.....	5	..	4	..	2	..	4
Diabetes.....	1	..	-	..	-	..	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c.....	2	..	4	..	3	..	3
Heart diseases.....	3	..	6	..	2	..	-
Arterio-sclerosis.....	-	..	-	..	1	..	-
Bronchitis.....	3	..	1	..	4	..	3
Pneumonia (all forms).....	2	..	1	..	1	..	-
Other respiratory diseases....	1	..	-	..	-	..	-
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum..	-	..	1	..	-	..	-
Acute and chronic nephritis...	2	..	-	..	1	..	1
Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	2	..	1	..	-	..	-
Other deaths from violence....	-	..	2	..	2	..	-
Other defined diseases.....	5	..	3	..	8	..	8
Total.....	28	..	26	..	27	..	23

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Water Supply.

There has been no alteration in the sources of Water Supply in the District, which is derived from wells and rainwater tanks. During the year seven samples were taken for analysis; six were reported as "good" and one of "bad" quality.

Scavenging.

No system of scavenging is undertaken by your Council. Refuse is generally disposed of by burning and placing on the garden. No change has been made in the system.

Closet Accommodation.

These are earth-closets and privies, and are of the type usually found in agricultural districts, and appear to be satisfactory. Six earth-closets and privies have been repaired during the year.

Drainage & Sewerage.

The following Villages are sewered:-

Long Crendon.
Chilton.
Shabbington.
Worminghall.
Brill.

The Long Crendon, Shabbington, and Chilton sewage is disposed of by "broad irrigation". The rest of the District is not sewered, the slop water being disposed of on the gardens. The contents of the cesspools and earth-closets are treated in a similar manner. During the year thirty three drains were cleansed, etc., and seven new drains were laid.

Bake-houses.

There are eleven bake-houses on the Register, and these received twenty two inspections during the year. No defects were found, all of them being in a clean condition.

Slaughter-houses.

	January. 1925.	December. 1925.
Registered.....	2	2
Licensed.....	-	-

The two slaughter-houses are situated as follows:-

Brill.....	1
Long Crendon.....	1

Food & Drugs Acts.

These Acts are administered by the County Council, and during the year, the following samples were submitted for analysis:-

Milk.....	6 samples.
Rum.....	1 sample.
Whiskey.....	1 "

All were certified to be genuine.

Sanitary Inspection of Area.

(a)	Number of inspections made during the year.....	216
(b)	Number of Formal Notices served during the year....	7
	Number of Informal Notices served during the year..	44

All the Notices were complied with without legal action being taken.

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>No.</u>
Long Crendon.....	20
Ickford.....	10
Brill.....	7
Oakley.....	5
Towersey.....	4
Boarstall.....	4
	—
Total.....	50

The following have been erected by Private Enterprise:-

	<u>Parish.</u>	<u>No.</u>
1925.	Long Crendon.....	2
1924.	" "	5
1923.	Brill (1). Long Crendon (1)...	2
1922.	Nil.....	-
1921.	Nil.....	-
		—
	Total.....	9

Housing Statistics for the Year 1925.

1. Unfit dwelling-houses.

Inspection --(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 216

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925..... 1

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 1

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.... 2

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers..... 44

No action under Statutory Powers, was taken during the year.

Control of Infectious Diseases.

Bacteriological aids to diagnosis are supplied by the Council, as well as the necessary sera.

There is no Isolation Hospital for the District.

One visit was paid to an infected house, and the same was disinfected.

Schools.

Your Schools appear to be in a satisfactory condition, and none have required closing on account of infective disease.

Adoptive Acts & Bye-laws.

Acts. Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Part 3.
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

Bye-laws. Slaughter-houses.
New Streets and Buildings.
Tents, Vans, Sheds, & Similar Structures.

Regulations. Dairies, Cowsheds, & Milkshops.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G.D.KING BANNERMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1926.

1. General.

Number of Inspections.....	216
" " Complaints.....	10
" " Nuisances detected without complaint....	41
" " Notices served:- 7 formal. 44 informal	51
" " Nuisances abated by persons responsible.	51

2. House Nuisances.

Dirty houses cleansed.....	2
Other house defects remedied.....	3

3. Drains, W.Cs. etc.

Drains cleansed, repaired, or ventilated.....	33
New drains laid.....	7
Earth-closets, privies, repaired.....	6

4. Water Supply.

Samples of water analysed..... 6 good, 1 bad	7
Wells cleansed or repaired.....	-

5. Slaughter-houses.

Number on Register.....	2
" " Inspections.....	52

6. Bake-houses.

Number on Register.....	11
" " Inspections.....	22
" " Defects found.....	-
" " " remedied.....	-

7. Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops.

Number of Cowkeepers on Register.....	86
" " Inspections.....	172
" " Defects found.....	4
" " " remedied.....	4

8. Various.

Visits to infected houses.....	1
Houses disinfected.....	1

(signed)

A.J. WEBB.

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

